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# WELDING INSPECTION REPORT

Resident Engineer: Pursell, Gary **Report No:** WIR-014178

Address: 333 Burma Road **Date Inspected:** 18-May-2010

City: Oakland, CA 94607

OSM Arrival Time: 1000 **Project Name:** SAS Superstructure Prime Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV **OSM Departure Time:** 1830 Contractor: American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV **Location:** Job Site

**CWI Name:** William Sherwood and Bernie DoceMal Present: Yes No

**Inspected CWI report:** Yes N/A **Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No No N/A Weld Procedures Followed: Yes N/A **Electrode to specification:** No Yes No N/A N/A Yes **Qualified Welders:** Yes No **Verified Joint Fit-up:** No N/A N/A Yes No N/A **Approved Drawings:** Yes No **Approved WPS:** 

**Delayed / Cancelled:** Yes No N/A

34-0006 **Bridge No: Component:** Orthotropic Box Girder

### **Summary of Items Observed:**

Caltrans Office of Structural Material (OSM) Quality Assurance Inspector (QAI) Joselito Lizardo was present at the Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) job site as requested to perform observations on the welding of components for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Project.

At OBG L3E/L4E side plate 'C2' inside, QA randomly observed ABF/JV qualified welder Mitch Sittinger continue perform CJP groove welding repair. The welder was observed welding in the 3G (vertical) position utilizing Shielded metal Arc Welding (SMAW) with 1/8" diameter E7018H4R electrode implementing welding procedure ABF-WPS-D15-1000-Repairs. The repair excavations were preheated to more than 140 degree Fahrenheit using propane gas torch prior welding. During the shift, ABF QC William Sherwood was noted monitoring the welder. Prior welding, ABF QC William Sherwood was also observed performing Magnetic Particle Testing (MT) using Parker Contour Probe with red magnetic powder as detecting media on the repair excavation. During the shift, the welder has completed three welding repairs inside and was working on the fourth repair at the end of the shift.

At OBG L3E/L4E edge plate 'B' inside, this QA performed a 10% Magnetic Particle Testing (MT) using a Parker Contour Probe electromagnetic yoke with corresponding red magnetic powder as detecting media to the welded splice butt joint. The surface profiles of the joints were as welded and cleaned with wire brush. There were no significant defects noted during the test.

At OBG L2W/L3W side plate 'C2' (5280 to 7900mm) inside, QA randomly observed ABF/JV qualified welder Sungtao, Huang ID # 3794 perform CJP groove (splice) welding root then fill pass. The welder was observed

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perform automatic welding in the 3G (vertical) position utilizing a dual shield Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW-G) with E71T-1M, 1/16" diameter wire electrode and implementing Caltrans approved Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) ABF-WPS-D15-3042A-1. The joint being welded has a single V-groove butt joint with backing bar. The splice joint was preheated and maintained to greater than 200 degree Fahrenheit using Miller Proheat 35 Induction Heating System located at the opposite side of the plate prior/during welding. During welding, ABF Quality Control (QC) Bernie Docena was noted monitoring the welding parameters of the welder. QA performed parameter readings during welding with the following results; 254 amperes, 24.0 volts and 320mm per minute travel speed which are deemed acceptable to contract specifications.







## **Summary of Conversations:**

As stated above.

#### **Comments**

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact SMR Mohammad Fatemi (916) 227-5298, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

**Inspected By:** 

Lizardo, Joselito

**Quality Assurance Inspector** 

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**Reviewed By:** Levell,Bill QA Reviewer